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declare that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification and claims of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/945,240 and I verily believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor or discoverer of the invention or discovery in

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described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States having Serial No. 09/945,240, and a Filing Date of 31 August 2001; that this application discloses and claims subject matter disclosed in my earlier Provisional patent application of which I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e), Serial No. 60/259,037, filed 29 December 2000; that as to the subject matter of this application which is common to said earlier application; that I do not know and do not believe that this invention was ever known or used in the United States before my invention or discovery thereof; that to the best of my knowledge and belief the invention has not been in public use or on sale in the United States more than one year prior to my application, or patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate in any foreign country prior to the date of my application on an application filed by myself or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to my application in this country; that I acknowledge my duty to disclose information of which I am aware which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a); and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention or discovery has been filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns in any country foreign to the United States, except as follows:

None

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PETITION

Wherefore I Pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the specification and claims of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/945,240, and I hereby subscribe my name to the specification and claims of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/945,240, Declaration, Power of Attorney and this Petition.

DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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## ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS, the following inventor

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hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNOR, has invented certain new and useful improvements in an invention entitled

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which is described and claimed in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed by ASSIGNOR on even date herewith, and naming as sole inventor Peiguang ZHOU; said improvements as described and claimed in said application for Letters Patent of the United States, being hereinafter referred to as said "Invention"; and

WHEREAS, Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc., a corporation duly organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware and having its principal office and place of business at 401 North Lake Street, Neenah, Wisconsin 54956, hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNEE, is desirous of acquiring ASSIGNOR'S entire rights, title and interest in and to said Invention, and in, to and under Letters Patent therefor in the United States and countries foreign thereto;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT KNOWN THAT, for and in consideration of the sum of One Dollar (\$1.00) and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which is hereby acknowledged, ASSIGNOR has sold, assigned, transferred and set over and by these presents does hereby sell, assign, transfer and set over to and unto ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns ASSIGNOR'S entire rights, title and interest in and to said Invention, and in, to and under the above-identified application and all other applications for Letters Patent therefor of the United States and countries foreign thereto, and in, to and under all divisions, reissues, continuations, extensions and reexaminations thereof, and covenants that ASSIGNOR has the full right so to do; and the Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and requested to issue all United States Letters Patent on said Invention included herein to ASSIGNEE, as assignee of ASSIGNOR'S entire interest.

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ASSIGNMENT

ASSIGNOR further agrees to communicate to ASSIGNEE or its representatives or agents all facts and information known or available to ASSIGNOR regarding said Invention including evidence for interference purposes or for other legal proceedings, whenever requested; to testify in any interference or other proceedings; to execute and deliver, on request, all lawful papers including original, divisional, continuing and reissue applications, renewals, assignments, powers of attorney, declarations, oaths, affidavits, depositions, etc.; and to generally do everything possible to aid ASSIGNEE, its successors and assigns, but at the expense of ASSIGNEE, in obtaining and enforcing proper protection for said Invention, in the United States and countries foreign thereto.

August 28, 2001  
Date

Peiguang Zhou  
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